

# Mary Hess House

Herrick Archives Number H 954

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

No alternate names noted. Commonly called Mary Hess or Mamie Hess property.

See Addenda Nos. 2,3.

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 2442 Olentangy River Road. See map on next page. The large barn ("n" on map), was at 2490 Olentangy River Road, according to the Lantern for March 6, 1939.

Building H 954 and related outbuildings are in bold outline; the Novice G. Fawcett Center for Tomorrow (Bldg. 284) is shown in lighter outline.

2.2 See also Sheet 45 (July 1963 revision) in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. These buildings were on the property when acquired by the University. Title to the property passed to the University by warranty deed executed June 29, 1925 by Mary Eve Hess (Deed Book 804, page 361), but with life estate reserved by the grantor. Mary Hess died November 1, 1954.

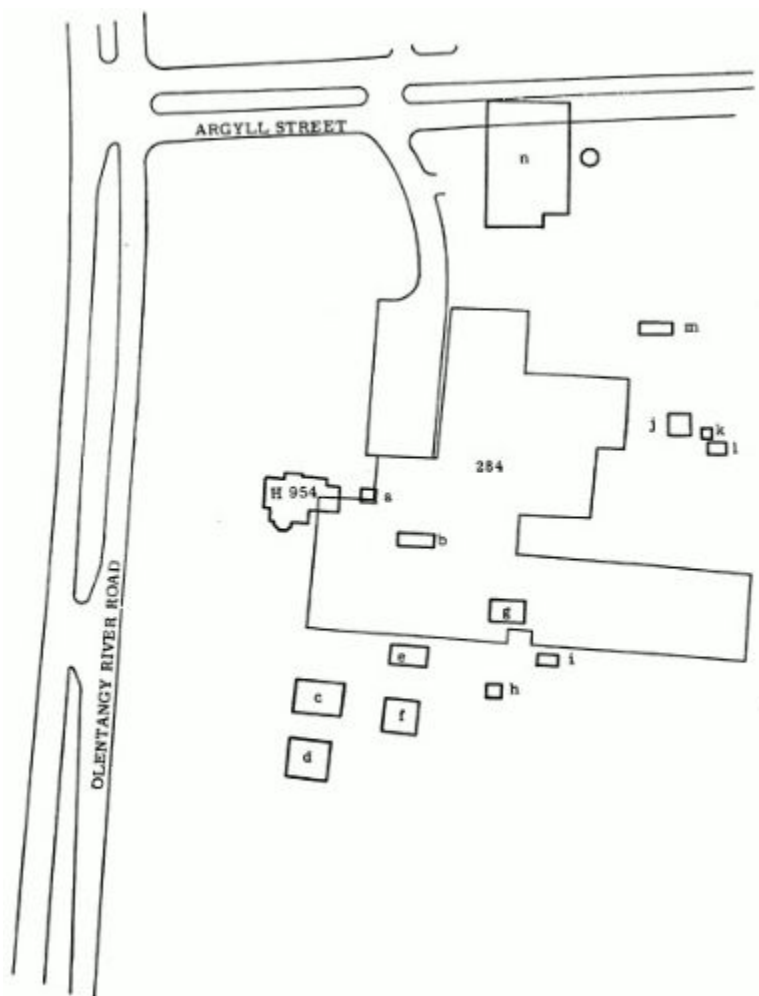
2. It appears that at least some of the outbuildings were on adjoining property transferred by Mary Hess by another warranty deed on the same date, but without reservation of life estate (Deed Book 804, page 360).

3. A survey map dated December 15, 1915 and made by W. Neilson shows a barn on the south property line. This suggests that the southernmost outbuilding ("d") was on property acquired by the University from Maria Louise Hess Brown by a warranty deed executed June 22, 1917 (Deed Book 616, page 399).

## C. DEMOLITION

1. The large barn ("n") burned on March 3, 1939 (T 12/11/35). It was replaced by Building 008.

2. The brick tower ("a") was approved for demolition by the Board of Trustees on May 6, 1959.



#### Outbuildings:

- a. Brick tower, which once had a windmill on top.
- b. Not identified.
- c. Frame barn with cupula (see Photograph.X 1339).Housed sheep in
- d. Frame barn (See X 1339). Corn storage in 1959.
- e. Not identified.
- f. Not identified.
- g. Not identified.
- h. Not identified.
- i. Not identified.
- j. Not positively identified. Believed by Prof. Emeritus Lawrence Kunkle to be the tenant house occupied by Cecil Bayes, Farm Superintendent. Ivan Cotterill concurs
- k. Not identified.
- L. Not identified,
- m. Not identified.
- n. Livestock barn.

3. Barn "c" burned January 6, 1959 (L 1/7/59). It was a sheep barn at the time.

4. The tenant house (j) was gone before Ivan Cotterill moved into the main house in 1955. The Cabinet refused as early as January 3, 1939 to provide sewer facilities, possibly because of its pending demolition.

5. Some of the other outbuildings had probably been demolished before the Board of Trustees on July 14, 1966 voted to demolish the house and any remaining outbuildings to clear the site for the Center for Tomorrow (Bldg. 284).

#### D. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1339

X 13924

X 13925

See Addendum No. 1

2. Other:

Columbus Sunday Dispatch Magazine, January 13, 1954, p. 8

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September 26, 1974

#### ADDENDUM NO. 1

The tenant house (j on sketch map) is shown in X 22603 in Photoarchives.

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October 28, 1975

#### ADDENDUM NO. 2

City directories in 1934, 1937, and 1940 list Cecil Bayes as residing at 2442 Olentangy River Road (rear). Bayes lived in the tenant house on the property (j on sketch map).

John H. Herrick  
February 18, 1976

#### ADDENDUM NO. 3

The following additional name for this building has been found on old campus maps:

Residence No. 3

Some old Campus Planning records and maps refer to these buildings as No. 973.

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September 21, 1981